

The Fourth Sunday of Advent
Holy Eucharist: Rite II – December 18, 2022

*Jesus' imminent birth is proclaimed in the scriptures; his continued presence in the world is proclaimed
by the Church today.*

Prelude "Nun Komm, der Heiden Heiland" J.S. Bach
Processional Hymn 54 "Savior of the Nations Come"
Opening Sentences BCP Page 355
The Kyrie (Hymnal S-91) BCP Page 356

THE WORD OF GOD

The Collect of the Day (4th Sunday of Advent) BCP Page 212
First Lesson Isaiah 7:10-16
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 BCP Page 702
Second Lesson Romans 1:1-7
Sequence Hymn 265 "The Angel Gabriel"
Gosp. Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia.

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.
Alleluia.

Gospel Matthew 1:18-25
The Sermon The Rev. Deacon Peg Moncure
The Nicene Creed BCP Page 358
The Prayers of the People Insert

Invitation to Confession: 'The axe is laid at the root of the trees;
every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down.'
But confident in God's mercy we confess our sins.
Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

The Confession and Absolution BCP Page 360
The Peace BCP Page 360

In the tender mercy of our God,
the dayspring from on high shall break upon us,
to give light to those who dwell in darkness
and in the shadow of death
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Offertory Anthem "The Canticle of the Turning"

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Officiant As the grain once scattered in the fields
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside
are now reunited on this table in bread and wine,

so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together from the corners of the earth into your kingdom.

Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving: Prayer A BCP Page 361

Sanctus and Benedictus (Hymnal S-129) BCP Page 362

The Lord's Prayer BCP Page 364

The Breaking of the Bread:

Officiant We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

People **Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

Agnus Dei (Hymnal S-164)

Communion Hymn 81 "Lo, How a Rose"

The Prayer of Thanksgiving BCP Page 365

The Blessing: Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,
scatter the darkness from before your path,
and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory;
and the blessing ...

Recessional Hymn 475 "God Himself is With Us"

The Dismissal As we await our coming Savior;
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Postlude "Gloria" Vivaldi

The Collect of the Day

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Isaiah 7:10-16

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

Qui regis Israel

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 3 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 4 O Lord God of hosts, *
**how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?**
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
- 6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
- 17 And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
- 18 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

The Epistle

Romans 1:1-7

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Gospel

Matthew 1:18-25

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel,"

which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

We give thanks for those who are celebrating their birthdays this week: Joe Jones, Mary Lynn Landgraf, Suzanne Berry, and Bob Guillotte; and with those celebrating their anniversaries: Ray & Martha Stokes.

We pray for our Diocese and in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Christ Church – Creator – Mechanicsville, and Santa Maria – Falls Church.

The mid-week Eucharist is celebrated on Wednesday mornings in the Parish Hall Chapel at 9:30 a.m.

Please remember to return your pledge card to the office, if you haven't already done so. Thank you.

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Holy Eucharist: Rite I 8:00 a.m.

Celebrant	The Rev. Stuart Clary Wood
Deacon / Sermon	The Rev. Deacon Peg Moncure
Acolyte / Lector	Jeff Shaw
Usher	Jim Hill

Holy Eucharist: Rite II 10:30 a.m.

Celebrant	The Rev. Stuart Clary Wood
Deacon / Sermon	The Rev. Deacon Peg Moncure
Organist	Libby Boyer
Gosp. Bk. Bearer / Prayers / Euch. Min.	Jack Hellems
Eucharistic Minister	Jean Holt
Lector	Diane Martin
Crucifer / Acolyte	John Hilliard
Ushers	Sallie Wells & Betsy Evans
Altar Guild	Virginia Miller, Sallie Wells, Jody Anglin, Pat Anderson, & Sharon Colston
Flower Guild	Sharon Colston & Cathy Spence
Tech Team	Greg Grichtmeier, Ann de Peyster, Mike Floyd, Mike Gorin, Jeff Loustaunau, Robin Wells, & Jack Fackler

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Christ Church Parish Vestry

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Karen Brown ‘24

John Quilter ‘22

Garry Clay ‘24

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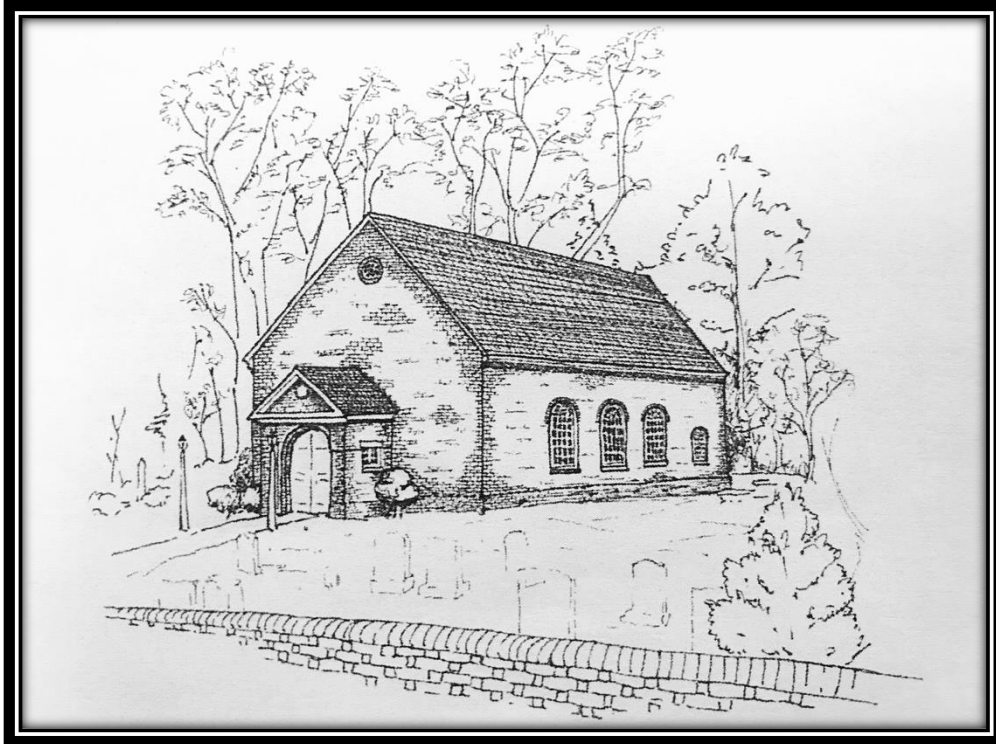
Welcome to Christ Church Parish

(Episcopal)

December 18, 2022

10:30 a.m.

The Fourth Sunday of Advent



Founded in 1666

Before the service, speak to God in the silence of your heart.

*During the service, let God speak to you through
Word and Sacrament.*

After the service, speak with your neighbor!

Christ Church Parish Mission Statement

*We are a family of faith,
growing in Christ through worship, learning, and
service, who strive to love God
and to love our neighbors as ourselves.*